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SUBJECT: WFC - FOOD FUND

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FROM AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN

1. AFTER GROUP B MEETING REPORTED SEPTEL HANNAH CALLED IN AMB. GOLDSCHLAG OF CANADA AND MYSELF ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MAREI TO REVIVE FUND IDEA. FROM THIS AND LATER CONVERSATIONS AT ODD INTERVALS BY ONE OR BOTH OF US WITH MAREI, HANNAH AND HANNAH TEAM IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AFTERNOON OF 30TH MAREI GOT LETTER INDICATING OPEC HAD AGREED TO \$500 MILLION A YEAR CONTRIBUTION TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT, AND APPORTIONED IT AMONG MEMBERS AND RECEIVED ACCEPTANCES FROM SAUDIS, EMIRATES, JUWAIT AND IRAQ. RECEPITIVITY TO IDEA ATTRIBUTED TO REALIZATION OF INCOMPETENCE TO MANAGE AN AID PROGRAM IN THIS FIELD AND IMPATIENCE WITH FLOW OF PETITIONERS WHOM ARABS WOULD LIKE TO REFER ELSEWHERE.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO EITHER OF US WHAT TERMS OF

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CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE, WHAT PROSPECTS OTHER OPEC

MEMBERS WILL ACCEPT THEIR SHARE, TO WHAT DEGREE ADDITIONALITY IS INVOLVED OR WHAT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO CONTROL OF FUNDS THEY WANT OR WHAT CONDITIONS THEY MAY HAVE SET FOR MATCHING BY TRADITIONAL DONORS.

3. SECRETARIAT STAFF IS TODAY THINKING IN TERMS OF WFC INVITING NEW AND TRADITIONAL DONORS INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO SUCH A FUND TO MEET UNDER SOME AUSPICES SOON AFTER CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE PROSPECTS AND IF THEY LOOK PROMISING TO DRAW UP STATUTE AND ESTABLISH FUNDS, EXPRESSING HOPE, OF COURSE, THAT FUNDS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TO JUSTIFY DOING SO.

4. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND I HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS ONLY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS ON HAND FROM TRADITIONAL DONORS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET QUICK REACTIONS TO IDEA AND ESPECIALLY WILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE IT BY AGREEING TO MEET WITH NEW DONORS IN THIS WAY, IMPLYING, I AM SURE, SOME ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE.

5. I HAVE SAID I SAW NO PROSPECTS AT PRESENT FOR US PUTTING MONEY INTO SUCH A FUND, THOUGH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER JOINT PROJECTS WITH EXISTING AGENCIES THROUGH WHICH ITS MONEY WOULD BE SPENT WHICH HAD BEEN SELECTED BY FUND STAFF. COULD ALSO PERHAPS REGISTER INCREASED FLOW FOR THESE PURPOSES ON AN ESSENTIALLY BOOKKEEPING BASIS IF THIS WOULD HELP.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE BEFORE I LEAVE SATURDAY MORNING, ESPECIALLY HOW DOES REPORTED POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION ON AID BILL AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO REFER TO INCREASED MONEY FOR THIS ECTOR IN FY 75 AND WHAT ROLE MIGHT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PLAY IN SPONSORING NEW FUND?

7. NO EVIDENCE YET THAT BETTER PROSPECTS FOR FUND HAVE AROUSED NEW INTEREST BY MAREI IN WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY.  
END BEAUDRY

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